

REMARKS

Claims 35-40: Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 35-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Chase (US5974238) in combination with no other references. Claims 35-40 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) in view of Boaz *et al.* (US5333266) in combination with no other references.

Claim 36 recites:

36. A system, comprising:
a first memory store for storing workspace elements;
a second memory store coupled via an electronic network to the first memory store for storing workspace element copies;
an interface for receiving new workspace elements at the first memory store;
a general synchronization module for electronically transmitting copies of the new workspace elements via the electronic network from the first memory store to a global server; and
a synchronization agent for electronically transmitting copies of the new workspace elements via the electronic network from the global server to the second memory store.

Neither Chase nor Boaz *et al.* teach a general synchronization module for electronically transmitting copies of the new workspace elements via the electronic network from the first memory store to a global server. Neither Chase nor Boaz *et al.* teach a synchronization agent for electronically transmitting copies of the new workspace elements via the electronic network from the global server to the second memory store. Claim 36 is thus allowable over Chase. Claim 36 is also allowable over Boaz *et al.* Claims 35 and 37 are allowable for at least the same reasons.

Claim 39 recites:

39. A system, comprising:
a first memory store for storing workspace elements;
a second memory store coupled via an electronic network to the first memory store for storing workspace element copies;
an interface for receiving changes at the first memory store;
a general synchronization module for electronically transmitting copies of the changes via the electronic network from the first memory store to a global server; and
a synchronization agent for electronically transmitting copies of the changes via the electronic network from the global server to the second memory store.

Neither Chase nor Boaz *et al.* teach a general synchronization module for electronically transmitting copies of the changes via the electronic network from the first memory store to a global server. Neither Chase nor Boaz *et al.* teach a synchronization agent for electronically transmitting copies of the changes via the electronic network from the global server to the second memory store. Claim 39 is thus allowable over Chase. Claim 39 is also allowable over Boaz *et al.* Claims 38 and 40 are allowable for at least the same reasons.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe that the rejections have been addressed. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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